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OCCA-PAC RELOCATION: The 599th's Ocean Cargo Clearance Authority has completed its relocation from Yokohama, Japan to Hawaii! This Deployment core Surface Distribution Command function oversees booking cargo on scheduled liner vessels, obtains vessel support for U.S. Pacific Command exercises and solves other critical and unusual movement problems through the Electronic Transportation Acquisition (ETA) System. Key to accomplishing OCCA-PAC's mission are the Ocean Cargo Booking Offices in Pusan, Naha, Yokohama and the SDDC Field Office. Guam. The new location was operational Nov. 1.

WEST COAST DELAYS!: A shortage of Longshoremen and other dock workers combined with unprecedented cargo volumes has created a "traffic jam" in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Calif. These labor shortages, coupled with the peak Christmas shipping season, have caused congestion and vessel delays that affect Department of Defense cargo. SDDC Headquarters is keeping close watch on the situation, but currently the three to five day delays are not considered critical. SDDC will send a weekly Customer Advisory updating customers on this issue until the situation returns to normal.

IBS EXPANDS OVERSEAS: The Integrated Booking System, a Web based cargo booking tool, will be

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From the Desk of the Commander

It's been an exciting six months since we deployed to Southwest Asia (SWA) in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedoms.

Those who have been cycling through supporting OIF/OEF have done a tremendous job serving on the the front lines. Those who have remained behind have done no less than a superb job as well, serving the Pacific Commanders.

Make no mistake, taking care of the Pacific during this period has been just as demanding in its own right. U.S. Pacific Command did not slow down when we took on the SWA mission. Exercises and deployments have persisted throughout this time. We continued to deploy and redeploy units that have not deployed in decades, if ever.

Our successful missions included the following deployments: 29th Brigade Combat Team, 536th Maintenance Company, 2nd Infantry Division from Korea, 3/3 Marines, 35th Air Defense Artillery, 23rd Chemical Battalion, 13th Biological Identification and Detection System, 82nd Ordnance Battalion, 793d Engineer Detachment / 70th Engineer Company, 102 Military Intelligence Battalion, 1224th Engineer Detachment and M1A1 deployments from Korea. We also successfully completed Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens and numerous planning conferences.

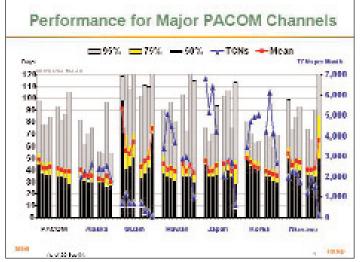
For everyone within the 599th Transportation Group, whether in SWA or PACOM, can be proud of their stellar accomplishments.

When you look at our combined areas of responsibility, the amount of material moved and vessel operations conducted, our exercises and planning conferences attended, and our operational tempo, no one has had more workload, more responsibility, nor accomplished more as effectively and as efficiently as you all have done.

Take a moment to reflect on a tremendous year...and give each other a pat on the back for a job well done!

Navy Cmdr. George DeVries 599th Transportation Group, Acting Commander

Reducing Customer Wait Time: Strategic Distribution



As of Sept. 1, DPO CWT (-) metrics show surface performance to **PACOM** destinations improved by 8.6 percent compared to 2003. CWT to the average PACOM destination is now 38.3 days, which is only 4.3 days above the theater surface distribution goal of 34 days. Service to Korea has now bettered the **DPO-PAC** channel standards for 7 months in a row during 2004. Korean service continues to be the best in the world.

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Recognizing Excellence

Commissioner forges path for Port of Gwangyang

By Maj. Terry Draper 837th Transportation Battalion Executive Officer

Gwangyang is a critical, strategic node within the Korean Theater of Operations. With the development of this worldwide port and its capabilities, it will play an integral part in the deployment and redeployment plans of U.S. Forces transiting the Korean theater.

The relationships generated between U.S. leadership and the Gwangyang Port Authority is additionally important. The individual spearheading that effort at Gwangyang is Mr. Baek Lee, the Commissioner of the Gwangyang Free Economic Free Trade Zone.

Mr. Baek has led the efforts to make initial operations at the Port of Gwangyang a complete success. His willingness to assist U.S. Forces through coordination with local support, military, safety and force protection agencies made the



PHOTO BY MR. RON DAY

CDR George DeVries, 599th Transportation Group acting commander, presents Mr. Baek Lee, Gwangyang Free Economic Free Trade Zone Commissioner, with a group coin during a visit to the 599th Nov. 1.

first four operations successful, and thereby set the stage for future missions through this massive gateway to the Korean theater.

Mr. Baek has provided outstanding and integral support to planning and operations, below are the highlights of his presence and initiative over the past three months supporting the U.S. Forces Korea mission:

• Coordinated for all local fire, police and medical support to support the Port of Gwangyang operations free of charge, ensuring local authorities understood what was involved working with U.S. forces as well as providing a training opportunity for those staff agencies.

- Worked with the Republic of Korea military forces to ensure understood potential, future requirements at the joint and combined level for port operations.
- Ensured all U.S. vessels calling on Gwangyang had waterside security support from the Maritime Port Police.
- Coordinated for Korea National Railroad to increase the size of trains arriving at Gwangyang, increasing the flow of US equipment transiting the port facilities.
- Provided fixed facilities on the port for U.S. units to use as their command and control headquarters during all operations.

Mr. Baek is a critical component to the success of the 837th Transportation Battalion. The Battalion has enjoyed conducting operations at the Port of Gwangyang, and looks forward to a prosperous future working together.

Carriers to see vessel operation increases with OIF III movements

Vessel operations for Operation Freedom Iraqi III will be similar to previous shipment volumes handled during the second phase of vessel operations for the war, according to a top official at the U.S. military's Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

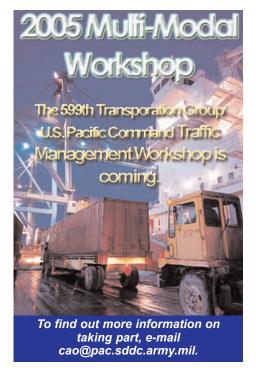
Up to 314 vessel operations are planned between Sept.1 and April 2005, said William Lucas, deputy to the commander at SDDC.

"These are comparable shipments" to Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Lucas said in a speech to the Washington Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association on Sept. 23. During Operation Iraqi Freedom II, 330 vessel operations were conducted. Overall cargoes projected for the third phase of vessel deployments are 11.4 million square feet and 9.6 million square feet projected for redeployment, Lucas said.

The biggest operations will take place in Southwest Asia where 87 discharges and 70 loadings will take place. In the United States, 141 vessel operations are planned, including 82 loadings and 59 discharges. In Europe, 14 vessel operations are planned, including four loadings and 10 discharges, Lucas said.

The cargo will be transported by a combination of Military Sealift Command, Ready Reserve Fleet, and U.S.-flag commercial ships.

(Courtesy of SDDC)



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expanded to OCONUS shippers and SDDC offices in May 2005. Shippers will submit their Export Traffic Release Requests (ETRRs) on line and will receive the Export Traffic Release (ETR) electronically as well. This step forward will standardize many locally developed communication methods and provide much improved management visibility and reporting data. Training for all affected customers/shippers will be provided prior to implementation. More detail will follow as it becomes available.

MSC to the Rescue!: Like Mighty Mouse, the Military Sealift Command Charter vessel SS Wilson has arrived in PACOM to save the day! A six month backlog of big, ugly, oversized cargo sits in Naha and Pusan awaiting movement to CONUS. Hearing our cry for "Help!," MSC will move more than 8,000 Measurement Tons of general cargo, vehicles and hazardous material to Port Hueneme during the first two weeks of November. An absence of normally scheduled RORO vessels, extremely scarce space on East bound container vessels and higher priority



PHOTO BY CDR RANDALL RAMIAN

THE ROLE IN SOUTHWEST ASIA

A Military Sealift Command vessel arrives at the Port of Ash Shuiaba in August. SDDC's presence here was formalized Oct. 1 with the formation of the 595th Transportation Terminal Group (Provisional) at Camp Spearhead, Kuwait.

Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom movements combined to create this problem. We anticipate a return to normal shipping schedules in late December.

EXERCISE STRAT LIFT \$\$\$
CRUNCH??: Canceling much needed
unit training and Exercise participation?
Need to get more equipment moved for
less money? Exercise budget been
slashed? These questions represent a criti-

cal challenge for all logisticians and planners throughout PACOM. One possibly fruitful area to explore is the need to deploy and redeploy munitions, an expensive portion of the strategic lift that often requires a separate vessel! Someone out there has the answers to solve this problem! Does the answer lie in pre-positioning? Eliminating the retrograde? Better Host Nation Support? Let's get creative and find a way to spend those \$\$ more wisely!

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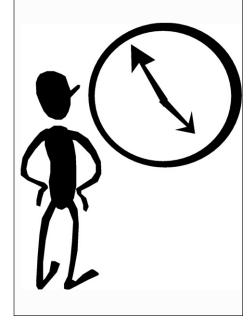
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Movement Masters of the Pacific

What have you done lately to reduce customer wait time?



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Deployments, lessons learned, exercise preparations ...

By Mr. Ron Day Chief, Plans and Readiness

The fourth quarter has been very busy for the 599th Transportation Group Headquarters and 837th Transportation Battalion outreach teams. The teams have ensured the safe movement and loading of equipment and cargo for the 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division from Korea, the Hawaiian National Guard, and units from the 25th Infantry Division -- all deploying to support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

This was a challenge for the 599th since many of the personnel assigned to the Group are deployed to SWA in support of OIF / OEF.

The outreach teams, augmented by Surface Deployment and Distribution



PHOTO BY MS. TERRI KOJIMA

Sgt. 1st Class Greg Holsclaw, 599th Transportation Group, attaches a Radio Frequency Identification tag to an 25th Infantry Division container ready for shipment.

Command Deployment Support Brigades, assisted the units with writing data to the RFID tags and placing them on the equipment and cargo, then as the equipment and cargo was loaded aboard the vessels, the data was captured into the ITV network.

The deployment of the 599th from Hawaii to Kuwait was two-fold, one the Group stood up a new organization called SDDC SWA (Fwd) and

the second was to implement the SDDC Container Management Program for SWA. This involved tracking containers from the depot or installation in CONUS to the foxhole in Iraq.

Afghanistan and Kuwait utilizing RFID technology and of course sometime we had to use the old fashion method, pen and paper. Both missions focused on SDDC's ever growing distribution support to the warfighter.

During the same time-frame, we shifted a small number of personnel to support one of the largest exercises on the Korean peninsula, Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL). We integrated our active and reserve component personnel alongside our Republic of Korea (ROK) counterparts, which ensured mission success.



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MIGHTY UPLOAD

The Great Land in port near the USS Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for the upload of cargo and equipment for the 29th Brigade Combat Team in September.

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How are we doing?

Feedback is vital to improving service. People with comments about SDDC's service may access the customer response form on the SDDC Web site at http://www.sddc.army.mil (Global Cargo Distribution window). Questions and comments specific to the 599th Transportation Group and units, can e-mail cao@pac.sddc.army.mil.